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Sent: 2/7/2019 3:08:34 PM
To: Pirzadeh, Michelle [Pirzadeh.Michelle@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: MEDIA INQUIRY - Seattle Times/NW Public Radio - EPA Request to Withdraw 401 Cert request for 9 Columbia River Dam permits

This was the first I saw/ heard...

Marianne Holsman
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Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse impolite brevity, typos and other embarrassing errors.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "MacIntyre, Mark" <Macintyre.Mark@epa.gov>
Date: February 6, 2019 at 4:14:13 PM PST
To: "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>, "Holsman, Marianne" <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>
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Nancy: We have submitted this for Anna Wildman's(OW) review, but have not gotten a response yet.

Who took the call/e-mail: Mark MacIntyre/206-553-7302

Date and Time: 05-06-19 2:30 pm(PST)

Media Outlet: Seattle Times/NW Public Radio

Reporter (include phone number and/or e-mail): Lynda Mapes/206-464-2515 Courtney Flatt NWPR/509-372-7404

Topic: EPA request to withdraw requests to the Washington Department of Ecology for 401 certification

Reporter Question: Seattle Times: Why did EPA withdraw its request for 401 certification from the Department of Ecology on draft NPDS permits for the nine federal dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers?

When is EPA sending the permits to Ecology again for certification?

NWPR: I'm looking into the EPA's recent withdrawal its 401 certification request from the Washington Department of Ecology. Would anyone at EPA be able to speak to me about this? I'm curious about the reasons for withdrawal and what this means going forward, etc.

Deadline: 2/6/19 COB

Proposed Action/Outcome: Our proposed response:

“EPA has determined that the preliminary draft permits for which we had requested water quality certification need additional internal review. Therefore, we have withdrawn our requests for water quality certification at this time. We fully intend to reinstate our requests for water quality certification after we have completed our internal review and updated the preliminary draft permits, as appropriate.”

Status: (Open/Closed/Pending): OPEN (engaging HQ)

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